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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REVISED ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE A SOLE  
SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE,  
TO PROVIDE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S AND PROBATION  
DEPARTMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL**

**SUBJECT**

This Board memorandum amends a prior advance notification to advise the Board that the Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) and the Los Angeles County Probation Department (Probation) intends to jointly negotiate two separate Sole Source Agreements (Agreements) with the University of California, Irvine, Center for Evidence-Based Corrections (UCI) to configure, modify, calibrate, and validate separate Los Angeles Risk Assessment tools (LARA) for both the County's inmate and probation populations.

**BACKGROUND**

On June 20, 2014, an advance notification letter was submitted to the Board to provide notification that the Department intended to enter into negotiations for a Sole Source Agreement with UCI. Since the submission of that notice, and absent instructions from the Board, the Department has engaged UCI in negotiations to configure, modify, calibrate, and validate a risk assessment tool. The Department and UCI are currently engaged in Sole Source negotiations to acquire their services for the LARA tool for the County's inmate population.

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Additionally, and since that time, Probation has articulated to the Department its need to also negotiate with UCI to configure, modify, calibrate, and validate a separate and specific risk assessment tool for Probation's population.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The combined cost to the Department and Probation for this initiative is estimated to be \$700,000 for the term of the Agreements.

### **SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION**

The Agreements will be procured on a Sole Source basis. It is in the County's best interest to utilize a risk assessment tool that is evidence-based and has been validated by UCI for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

The proposed project capitalizes on extensive academic research and program coding that would be costly and time consuming to replicate. The California Static Risk Assessment (CSRA) tool was built by UCI for CDCR over a 24-month period. Using the existing CSRA source code, and making the necessary modifications to create LARA, enables the Department to move forward with implementing an automated risk assessment tool. Probation will use the existing CSRA source code to create a similar assessment tool customized for Probation's target population.

### **CONCLUSION**

Pursuant to Board policy, Probation will proceed with Sole Source Agreement negotiations with UCI in two weeks, unless otherwise instructed by the Board.

Should additional information be required, you may contact Contracts Manager Angelo Faiella, Contracts Unit, at (323) 526-5183.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John L. Scott".

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